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NSC BRIEFING

4 December 1958

COLOMBIA

- I. State of siege declared on 3 December. Ex-dictator Rojas arrested and reportedly being sent into exile.
  - A. Pres. Lleras acted to thwart expected coup attempt by Rojas supporters.
  - B. Rojista plot developing since Rojas' return to country 11 October.
    1. Rojas believed have some support armed forces and dissident civilian elements opposed to Lleras' National Front govt.
    2. But armed forces have seemed loyal to Lleras thus far, who has strong civilian backing.
- II. Rojistas may have tried provoke govt's action in hope touching off their opposition movement.

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